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SUBJECT: 1976 RICE CROP

HAVE JUST RECEIVED INDICATION THAT 1976 OFFICIAL RICE  
PRODUCTION ESTIMATE FOR IRAQ STANDS AT 164,000 METRIC  
TONS, COMPARED TO 61,000 IN 1975. FAS/WASHINGTON  
CURRENTLY CARRIES 1976 PRODUCTION ESTIMATE OF 110,000  
TONS FROM 54,000 HECTARES. APPRECIATE YOUR RECOMMEND-  
ATION ON UPDATING THESE ESTIMATES BASED ON MOST RECENT  
GOI AREA AND PRODUCTION ESTIMATES.

WOULD ALSO APPRECIATE YOUR RECOMMENDATIONS ON UPDATING  
CALENDAR YEAR 1976 IMPORT ESTIMATE OF 200,000 TONS WITH  
80,000 TONS FROM U.S. AND YOUR PROJECTION OF CY 1977  
IMPORT NEEDS AND LIKELY U.S. SHARE OF TOTAL. IT IS  
OUR UNDERSTANDING THAT IRAQ HAS ALREADY AGREED TO IMPORT  
80,000 TONS OF RICE FROM PAKISTAN IN THE CURRENT CALENDAR  
YEAR WHICH MAY PRECLUDE ANY FURTHER LARGE PURCHASES IF  
PRODUCTION HAS ACTUALLEACHED LEVEL INDICATED IN  
PARAGRAPH ONE. FYI, 60,000 TONS OF U.S. RICE REPORTED  
SOLD TO IRAQ FOR 1977 DELIVERY HAS NOT BEEN CONFIRMED  
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OR REPORTED BY ANY MAJOR U.S. SUPPLIER. WOULD APPRE-  
CIATE ANY FURTHER DETAILS YOU MIGHT HAVE CONCERNING  
THIS SALE AND ANY ADDITIONAL COMMENTS YOU COULD OFFER  
ON THE CURRENT RICE SITUATION.  
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